

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
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Day 1 (Wednesday): Strong wind gusts and low humidity will create critical fire weather conditions once again today across much of northern California, especially west of the Sierra. The strongest winds are expected this morning.

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WEATHER KEY POINTS

10/21/20 - 10/27/20

Wednesday-Friday

- Periods of critical fire weather conditions continue over much of northern California today through Friday
 - Most widespread strong winds (gusts up to 45 mph) expected on Thursday but still gusty today and Friday
 - Very low humidity also expected the next few days
 - Any new fires could spread quickly under these conditions
- Cooler temperatures for much of the state Thursday and Friday

Saturday-Tuesday

- Much cooler temperatures arriving this weekend into early next week, even over southern California
- Another period of strong winds increasingly likely for much of the state Sunday and Monday
- Some light rain is possible across portions of southern California by late in the weekend or early next week



CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

10/21/20 - 10/23/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds							
Snow							
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)							
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	N Inland/ Coastal	N Inland/ Coastal	N Inland/ Coastal	Southern	Possible for Much of the State	Possible for Much of the State	
Heat Risk	Much of the State	Coastal/ Southern/ Sacramento Valley	Coastal/ Southern/ Sacramento Valley				Coastal
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow							
Cold							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts

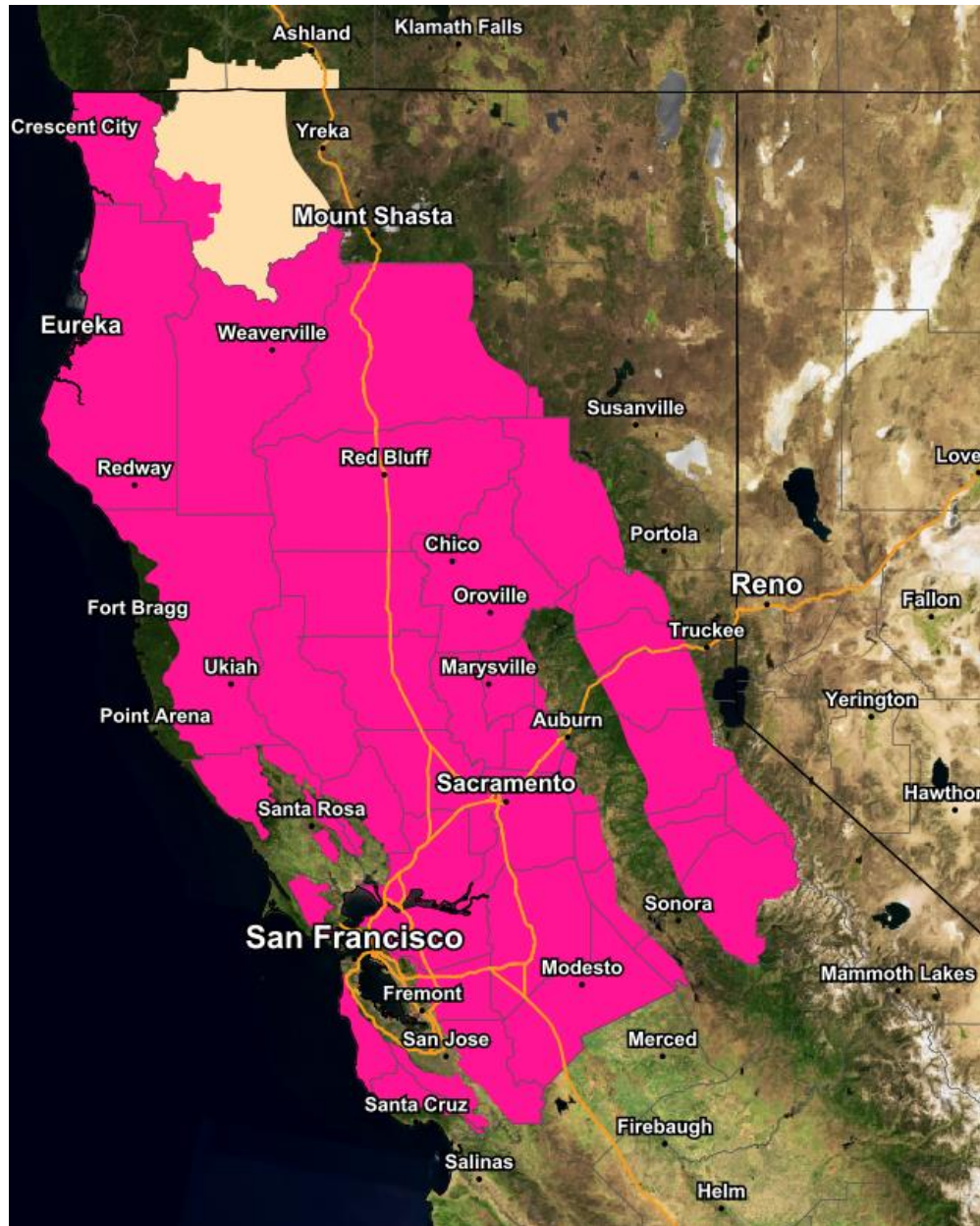


Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

RED FLAG WARNING Today through Friday



Areas highlighted in pink will see the strongest winds, lowest humidity, and critical fire weather conditions today through Friday

The strongest winds will occur on Thursday, when gusts up to 45 mph from the north and northeast are expected



PRECIPITATION FORECAST

10/21/20 - 10/23/20

No precipitation is expected statewide through Friday

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

10/26/20 - 11/03/20

6-10 Day Outlook (October 26 – October 30)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures expected across eastern California, while above normal readings develop closer to the coast

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation favored over the northern half of the state; near normal for the southern half

8-14 Day Outlook (October 28 – November 3)

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures strongly favored over the entire state

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation also expected for most of the state



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